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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment, Reply to Restriction Requirement, and Election of Species;  
and
2. Return postcard.

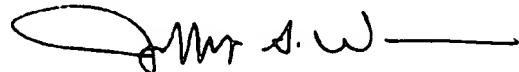
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In response to the Restriction Requirement listing Inventions I-III, Applicants  
elect without traverse to prosecute the claims 5-10 and 14-18 of Invention II.